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 Daniel T. Griswold: <u>Free-Trade Agreements: Steppingstones to a More Open World</u> CATO Institute Trade Briefing Paper (July 10, 2003)

"Since securing trade promotion authority in 2002, the Bush administration has launched an aggressive campaign to negotiate bilateral and regional freetrade agreements (FTAs). FTAs have been reached with Singapore and Chile and are under negotiation with Australia, Morocco, Bahrain, and nations of the Central American Common Market and the Southern African Customs Union..."

 Kevin P. Gallagher: <u>The Environmental Review of the FTAA: Examining the U.S. Approach</u> Carnegie Endowment TRADE EQUITY AND DEVELOPMENT (Issue 7, August 2003)

"By explicitly giving Congress the power to determine whether environmental issues are effectively incorporated into U.S. trade negotiations, the Trade Act of 2002 institutionalizes a tool for ensuring that the environment is considered in U.S. trade policy. This tool, the environmental review (ER), is a written assessment of the potential environmental benefits and costs of agreements being considered by U.S. trade policy makers..."

3. Mireille Delmas-Marty: International Law Favours Market Values: Justice for sale
Le Monde Diplomatique (August 2003)

"Resolving the conflict between legal concepts based on market values and those based on the non-market values of human rights is crucial to future world order. And the law is not equipped to deal with non-market values..."

4. Jeremy Kahn: Making Iraq Safe for Capitalism; Can a U.S. Treasury team build a free-market economy in a war-torn land?

Fortune (July 7, 2003)

"Ahead the Humvees are purring, their roof-mounted M-249 machine guns locked and loaded. Behind us are four white armored trucks holding \$ 23 million in cold, hard cash. It's 10 A.M. in Baghdad, and Iraq's equivalent of the money train is ready to roll. It has taken almost two hours to load the money from the vaults of a bank in the affluent neighborhood of al-Mansur. The cash is stuffed in canvas bags and wrapped in plastic bricks--\$ 12 million in small U.S. bills, mostly from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and \$ 11 million in Iraqi dinars..."

5. Thomas Carothers: <u>Is Gradualism Possible? Choosing a Strategy for Promoting Democracy in the Middle East</u>
Carnegie Endowment Middle East Series (Number 39, June 2003)

"Within this growing domain of gradualist pro-democratic policies and programs, three competing strategies are being tried: promoting economic reform as a precursor to political reform; indirectly promoting democracy through efforts focused on reforming governance and expanding civil society; and directly promoting democracy through efforts to broaden and deepen democratic political contestation. Each of these strategies has its own mix of significant advantages and disadvantages..."

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6. Jessica Stern: The Protean Enemy: What's next from Al Qaeda?

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (July - August 2003)

"Having suffered the destruction of its sanctuary in Afghanistan two years ago, al Qaeda's already decentralized organization has become more decentralized still. The group's leaders have largely dispersed to Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, and elsewhere around the world (only a few still remain in Afghanistan's lawless border regions). And with many of the planet's intelligence agencies now focusing on destroying its network, al Qaeda's ability to carry out large-scale attacks has been degraded..."

7. Marcia S. Smith: Space Stations

Congressional Research Service Report (September 10, 2003)

"Congress continues to debate NASA's International Space Station (ISS) program to build a permanently occupied space station in Earth orbit where astronauts live and conduct research. NASA expects that research performed in the near-zero gravity environment of the space station will result in new discoveries in life sciences, biomedicine, and materials sciences..."

8. United States Institute of Peace: Global Terrorism after the Iraq War

United States Institute of Peace Special Report (June 25, 2003)

"Whether out of rejection of Western values, envy of American wealth and power, or objections to specific policies, terrorist attacks can be expected to continue in coming years. The elimination of global terrorism remains far off. Many al Qaeda leaders have been captured, and there has been no repeat attack on U.S. territory. Yet terrorist attacks continue in the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, Africa, and Russia, as very small numbers of terrorists are sufficient to inflict great destruction..."

9. Shane Ham and Robert D. Atkinson: Confronting Digital Piracy

Progressive Policy Institute (November 20, 2003)

"Of all the industries that have been revolutionized by the rise of digital technology and the global Internet, few have been hit as hard as the "content" industries—the producers of music, movies, television programs, interactive software, books, photos, and periodicals. The Internet has made global distribution of content easier than ever, with the ultimate promise of slashing costs by reducing the role of middlemen who produce, distribute, and sell the physical copies..."

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